



Press Release

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U.S. Embassy to sponsor Youth Big Band concert in El Alto

The U.S. Embassy is sponsoring a Christmas concert of the Youth Big Band of La Paz, which will be offered to the public at the Municipal Theater of the city of El Alto on December 19, at 18:00. The concert will include traditional jazz compositions and Christmas tunes arranged for jazz performers.

The Youth Big Band was created in March with 22 students of the Modern Music and Jazz Department of the National Conservatory of Music. Ten musicians of the band are youngsters from El Alto. The Youth Big Band, whose conductor is saxophonist Juan Pereira, has already performed in several venues, interpreting a wide repertoire of American jazz compositions.

The band has participated in several courses and training workshops with outstanding international musicians and groups, such as the San Diego State University Jazz Band, the Los Andes Big Band from Chile and the Youth Big Band of Germany.

The Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy regularly sponsors music concerts by important bands and orchestras, both Bolivian and American, which convey the richness of American music and contribute to bi-national cultural exchanges.